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PARIS, OCT. 26, REUTER -- FORMER CAMBODIAN LEADER PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK SAID TODAY THAT HE WOULD NEVER GO BACK TO HIS COUNTRY, BUT WOULD STAY IN PEKING TILL HIS DEATH.

IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER LE MONDE, THE PRINCE SAID HE NOW HAD HARDLY ANY RELATIONS WITH THE "RED KHMER" FORCES FIGHTING THE PHNOM PENH GOVERNMENT.

"BUT WE AIM AT THE SAME GOAL," HE TOLD LE MONDES PEKING CORRESPONDENT. "FOR THE MOMENT, OWING TO LACK OF AR S, WE CANNOT FINISH THE WAR, BUT WE CAN KEEP IT GOING".

BUT HE ADDED: "IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PEKING, MOSCOW AND HANOI HAVE REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE RED KHMER WITHOUT TELLING ME, TO PREPARE A MASSIVE ATTACK DURING THE DRY SEASON."

SPEAKING ABOUT HIS OWN FUTURE, THE PRINCE, WHO WENT TO CHINA AFTER BEING OUSTED IN A 1970 COUP, ADDED: "I TELL YOU, I WILL NOT BE GOING BACK TO CAMBODIA. I WILL STAY IN PEKING TILL MY DEATH".

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